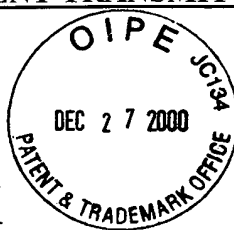


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Serial No.: 08/716,169

Examiner: P. Nolan

Filing Date: December 17, 1996

Group Art Unit: 1644

Invention: "Peptide Fragments of Microbial Stress Proteins and Pharmaceutical Composition

Made Thereof for the Treatment and Prevention of Inflammatory Diseases"

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
No additional fee is required.
X The fee has been calculated as shown below:

No. of Claims After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate	Non-Small Entity Rate	Charge
Total 7	20	0	X \$ 9.00	X \$ 18.00	\$ 0
Indep. 1	3	0	X \$ 40.00	X \$ 80.00	\$ 0

First Presentation
of Multiple Dep. Claim + \$135.00 + \$270.00 \$ 0
Total Additional Fee \$ 0

X A check in the amounts of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the filing fees.
X A check in the amount of \$ 390.00 is enclosed for a two- month Petition for Extension of Time.
X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two (2) copies of this Transmittal Letter are enclosed.
X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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**PEPTIDE FRAGMENTS OF MICROBIAL
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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION
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AND PREVENTION OF INFLAMMATORY
DISEASES**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

December 21, 2000

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2000, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments, remarks and the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 6, 18 and 22-23 and substitute therefore new claims 24-30.

--24. A method of treatment of or protection against an inflammatory disease, including autoimmune diseases, such as diabetes, arthritic diseases, atherosclerosis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, comprising administering an effective amount of a peptide of 7-30

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